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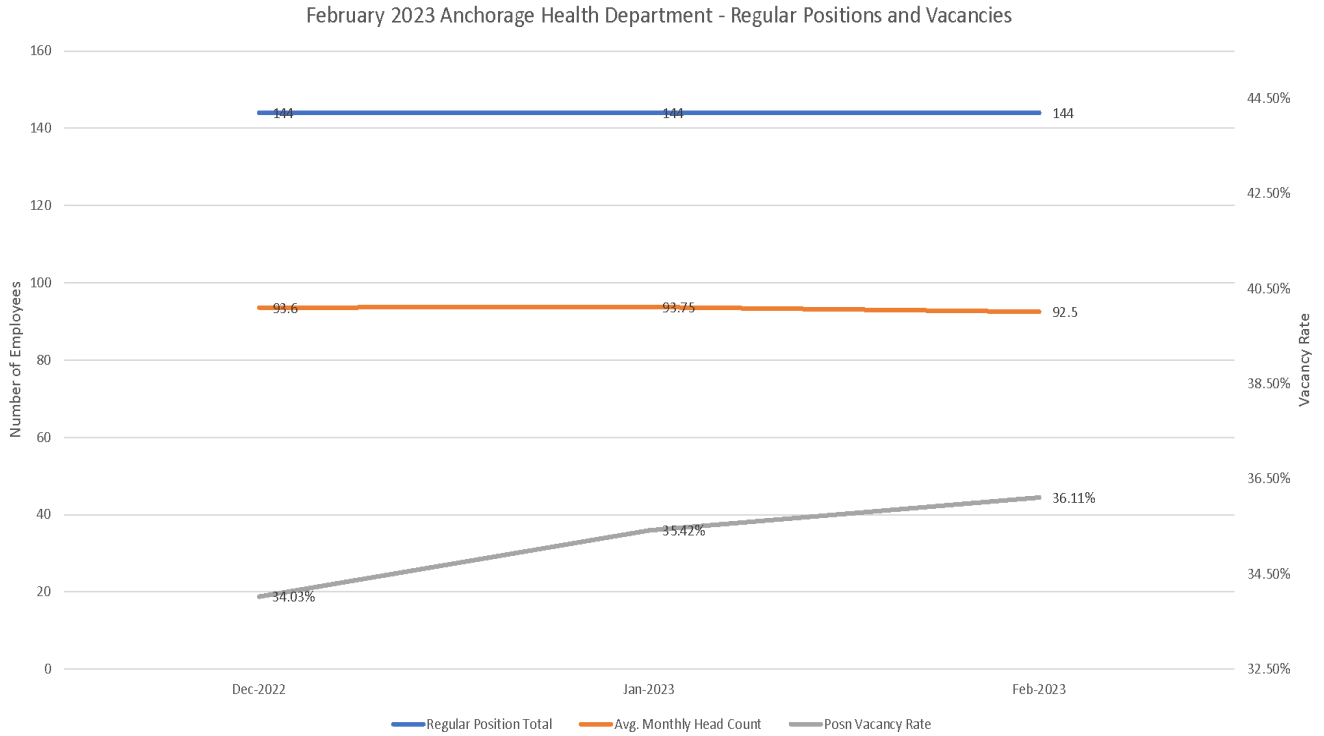
Assembly Health Policy Committee

*Please note: all report outs are related to February program activities unless otherwise noted.
This is due to the timing of this meeting.*

Director's Office

- The Get Moving Anchorage campaign continued in February with the “Yogi” challenge, which challenged everyone to take time to meditate, do yoga, stretch, or get a full night’s sleep. February saw 13 participants. Challenges can be submitted online through our form library: <https://forms.anchoragepublichealth.com/get-moving/>. The March challenge will focus on getting at least three healthy meals.
- Anchorage Opioid Taskforce project is paused pending receipt of the opioid settlement funding needed to fund the taskforce. Working with OMB and Finance to move funds to AHD for utilization based on exhibit E of the Settling State’s Abatement Account Fund. This exhibit focuses on core strategies of upstream/primary prevention, treatment, harm reduction and recovery. AM 218-2023 will facilitate this transfer of funding to AHD for utilization.
- The Access to Care for Medicare Insured Taskforce convened on March 2nd at AHD to discuss those affected by the recent closure of Alaska Regional Senior Health Clinic. Most hospitals along with the Alaska Native Medical Center and Providence communications department and Dr. Savitt will be messaging the public with updates as the taskforce progresses. Additional clinics accepting Medicare are Alaska Native Medical Center, Providence Family Clinics, Capstone Clinic, Girdwood has a Federally Qualified Healthcare Facility, and the Eklutna Village Clinic. The Alaska Congressional delegation, Senators Murkowski and Sullivan and Representative Peltola, have been contacted about Medicare as a federal program. The taskforce is going to reach out again to add state senators, representatives, and the Governor. Assembly Member Sweet was present and will speak to legislators in Juneau while there. Assembly Member Dern was also in attendance, and both will act as liaisons to the Assembly for the meetings. We will be receiving updates from Lisa Aquino (Alaska Neighborhood Health Center) from the workforce group on recruitment and retainment. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2023, from 10:30-12:30 at the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center.

Human Resources

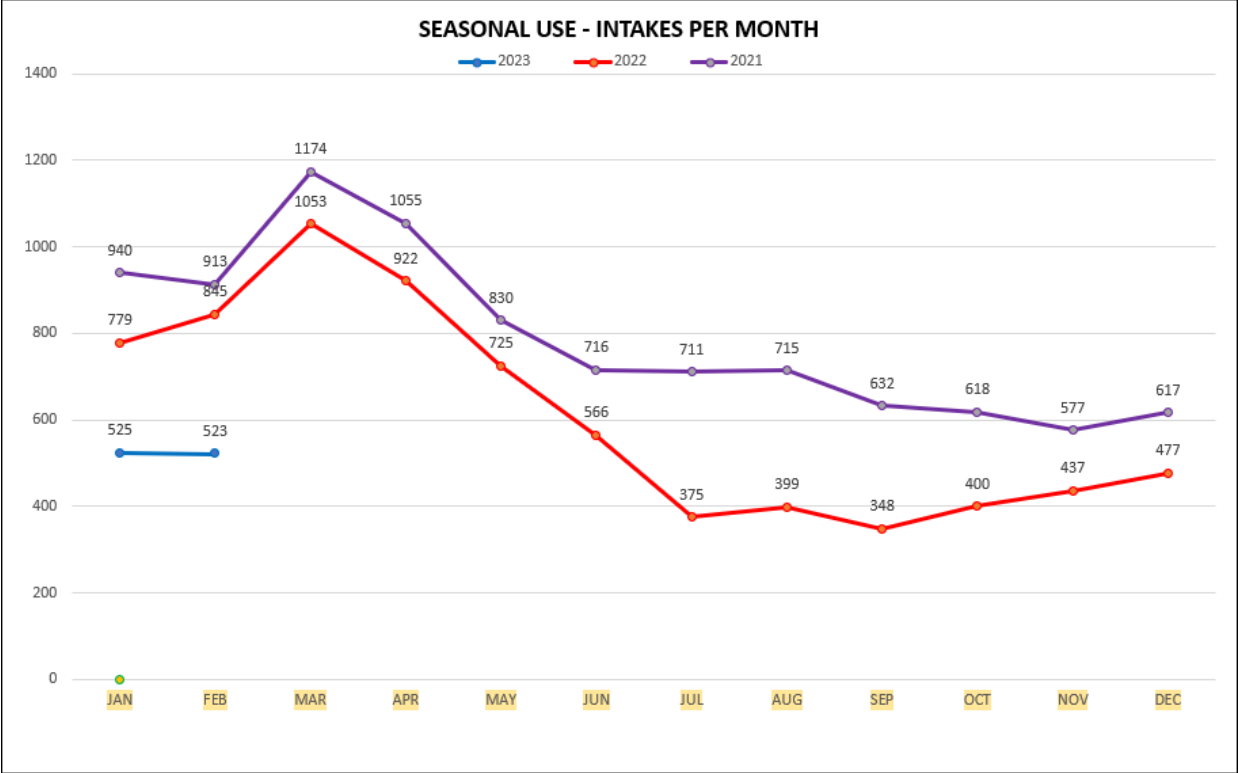


Recruitment efforts include posting on social media, utilization of paid websites. Such websites include nursing networks; the Alaska School Nursing Association, Alaska Hospice & Palliative Nurses Association, along with Seattle Chapter 4802 of AORN and Alaska Public Health Association. Additionally, through the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and National WIC Association. We are continually looking for other avenues for advertisement alongside the muni.org website.

Anchorage Safety Center/Patrol (ASC/P): Under Title 47, Respond to and provide safe shelter for individuals who are incapacitated by substance misuse 365 days per year/24 hours per day.

- Intakes: 523
- Responded to calls: 1,090
- Transported: 420
- Unduplicated clients: 282

Overall, 282 individuals utilized services more than once therefore creating 523 intakes/occurrences due to multiple visits.



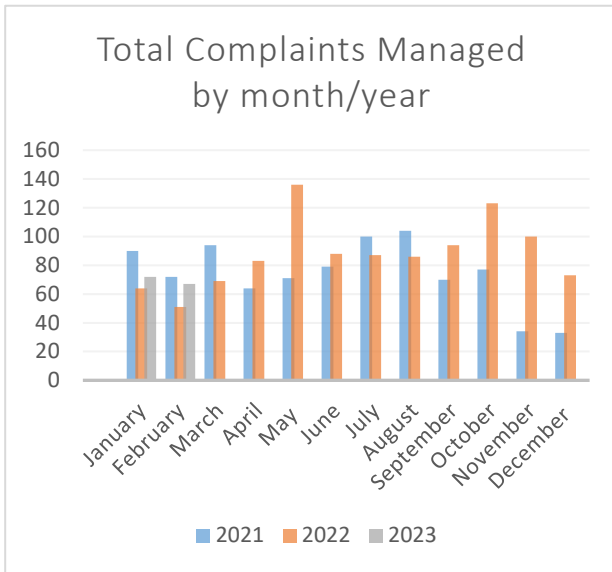
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2023	525	523										
2022	779	845	1053	922	725	566	375	399	348	400	437	477
2021	940	913	1174	1055	830	716	711	715	632	618	577	617

Public Health Division

Environmental Health Services (EH):

- The EH Program addressed 67 Complaints in February.
- Performed 130 inspections.
- Made 562 Customer Service contacts.
- Renewed 60 Liquor and Marijuana retail licenses.
- Responded to 6 food borne illness reports.
- Completed 14, and worked 23, plan reviews.
- Issued 72 permits.
- Food Worker Cards issued: 1

The chart below is an indicator that in-person events and inspections are starting to get back to normal numbers after COVID closures in 2020 and to some extent in 2021.



Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC):

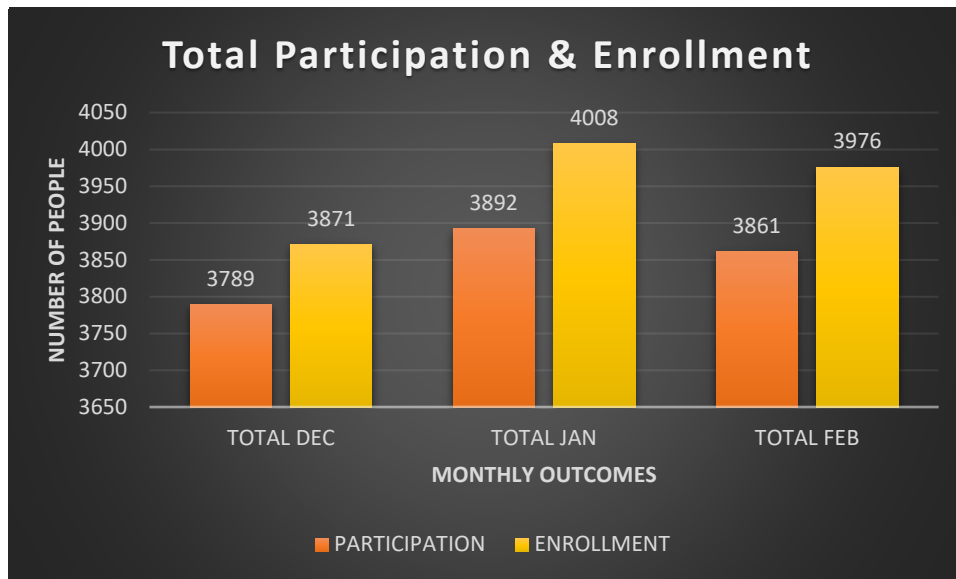
- February WIC participant total: 3,861
- MOA WIC has steadily increased its certification rate over the last three months. It's expected this will continue as WIC advertises its services. Certification rate refers to the initial appointment with a client each year, as they must be certified to receive monthly food benefits (food identified for each participant for monthly purchase through WIC) and to be considered a participant.
- In evaluating the partnership with Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC), the program is not receiving as many referrals as was expected. Continuing to work to make the process more streamlined and efficient to increase referrals. Pursuing a partnership with the YMCA.
- Continue to access WIC inventory available from vendors; a recent vendor visit revealed that WIC's inventory was in good shape.
- In preparation to open the Eagle River Satellite Clinic on 3/14/2023. Additionally, we are working towards establishing another office at the Muldoon Center due to the number of participants or eligible participants residing in this area.
- One Family Service Aide position has been filled; rehire starting 3/20/2023.
- The WIC program reached 3,465 people on their Facebook page; 71 on Instagram.

WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program (BPCP)

- Two Breastfeeding Peer Counselors (BFPC) are on staff, providing breastfeeding support to 143 women currently enrolled.
- 530 total contacts were made in February to the 143 enrollees.
- 16 Facebook posts and nine Instagram posts for the month of February.
- Facebook page reached 1,262 people in the month of February.
- Instagram reached 189 people in the month of February.
- WIC hosted a second TLC (The Lactation Club) in-person event in February where families received breastfeeding peer counseling while completing Valentine crafts with their children.
- Three new BFPC in training.

WIC Goal: *Increase enrollment and participation to roughly 9,557 participants by 2025.*

Anchorage Health Department WIC Clinic Data Outcomes:



SNAP-Ed Program

SNAP-Ed Mission: *SNAP-Ed teaches people how to make their SNAP dollars stretch, how to shop for and cook healthy meals, and how to stay physically active. SNAP-Ed initiatives include nutrition education classes, social marketing campaigns, and efforts to improve policies, systems, and the environment of communities.*

- Renewed MOA Memorandum of Agreements with community partners: Covenant House, Clare House, McKinnell House, and Akeela.
- Initiated Planning meetings with Akeela, Stepping Stones and Covenant House to facilitate direct nutrition education sessions in March, April, and May.
- Work group meetings with Alaska Farmers Market Association - Food Access Coordinator to present training in March for Farmers Market staff on, accepting SNAP at farmers market and nutrition education at farmers markets.
- 60 community members joined the Alaska Food Coalition’s February meeting focused on advocacy and educating legislators on challenges facing SNAP participants given the months-long backlog of applications.
- SNAP-Ed and WIC outreach organized and exhibited an “Every Bite Counts” nutrition education and outreach booth at the Alaska Black Caucus Equity and Health Summit held at Bettye Davis East High School. 75 community members engaged with the nutrition education outreach team. SNAP-Ed established 15 new contacts with community organizations who support early learning, health and physical activity and nutrition for SNAP-Eligible community members.

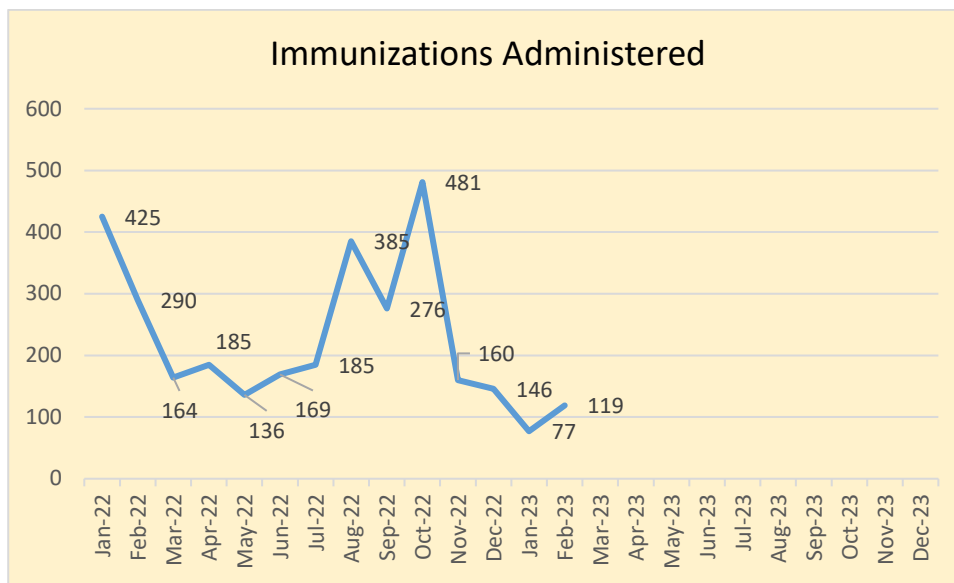
Community Health Nursing (CHN):

- We continue to provide Immunizations Records and COVID Card Replacements upon request and with a 2-3 business day turnaround.
- Tracked one case of Salmonella, one case of Cryptosporidiosis, two cases of Campylobacteriosis, one case of mumps, two cases of acute Hepatitis B.

Disease Prevention and Control (DPC)

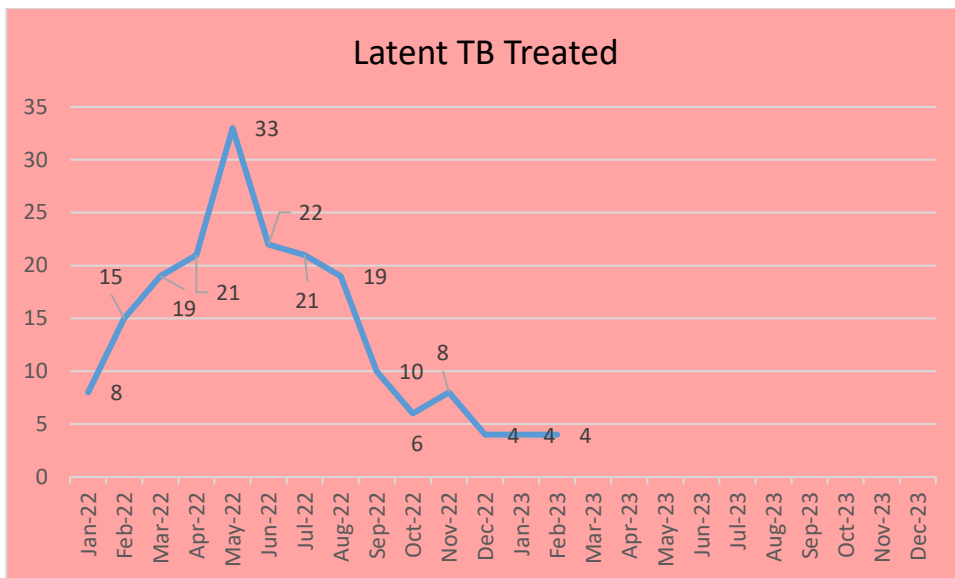
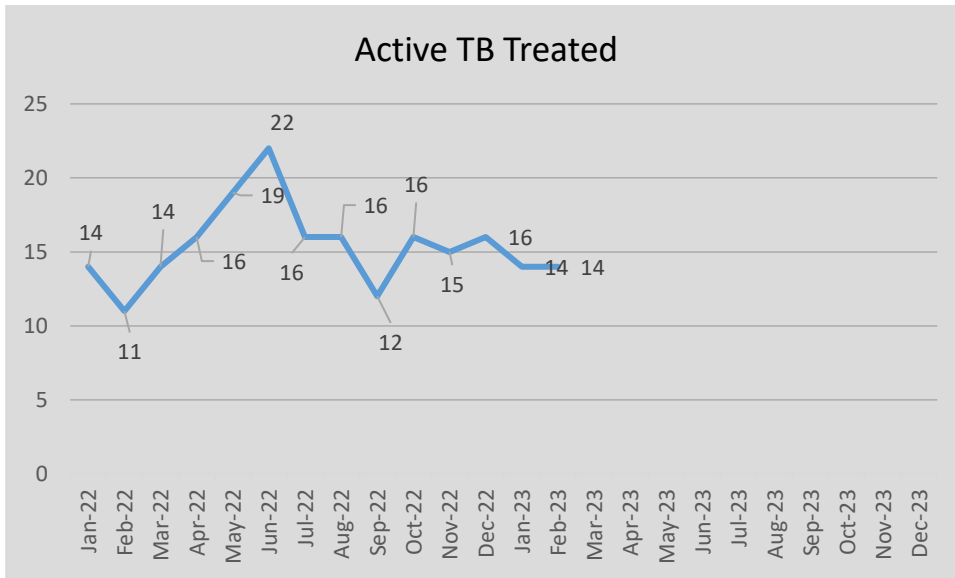
Immunizations

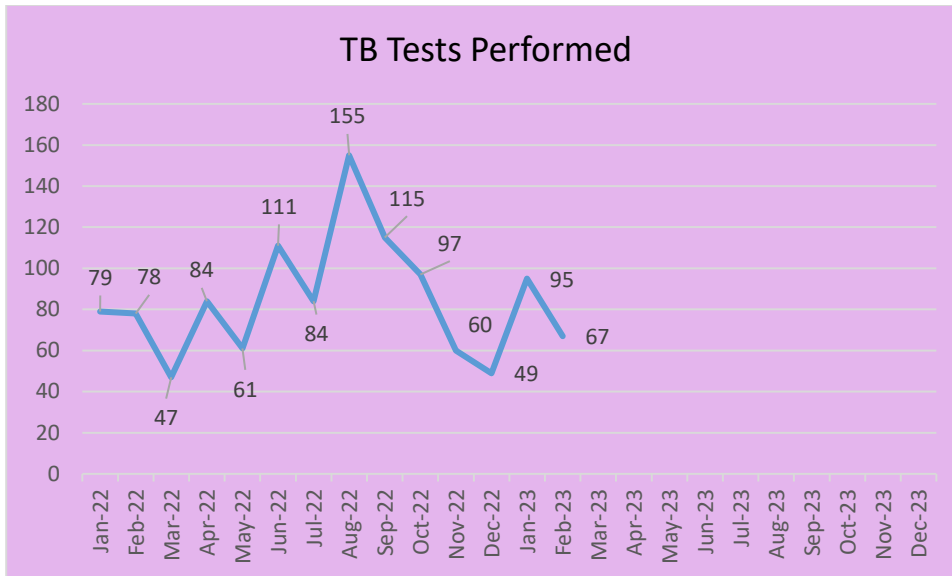
- AHD Clinic (scheduled appointments and walk-ins, to include vaccines given during TB or sexual health services): 119 Routine vaccines were provided:
 - 7 Pfizer bivalent
 - 10 Moderna bivalent
 - 2 high-dose flu (65yo or older)
 - 12 regular-dose flu (64yo and younger)
 - 2 PPD (purified protein derivative)
 - 3 Mpox (monkeypox)
 - 83 assorted other



Tuberculosis Control

- We treated and case managed 14 clients with Active TB.
 - TB tests performed IGRA: 65
 - Tuberculosis Skin Test: 2

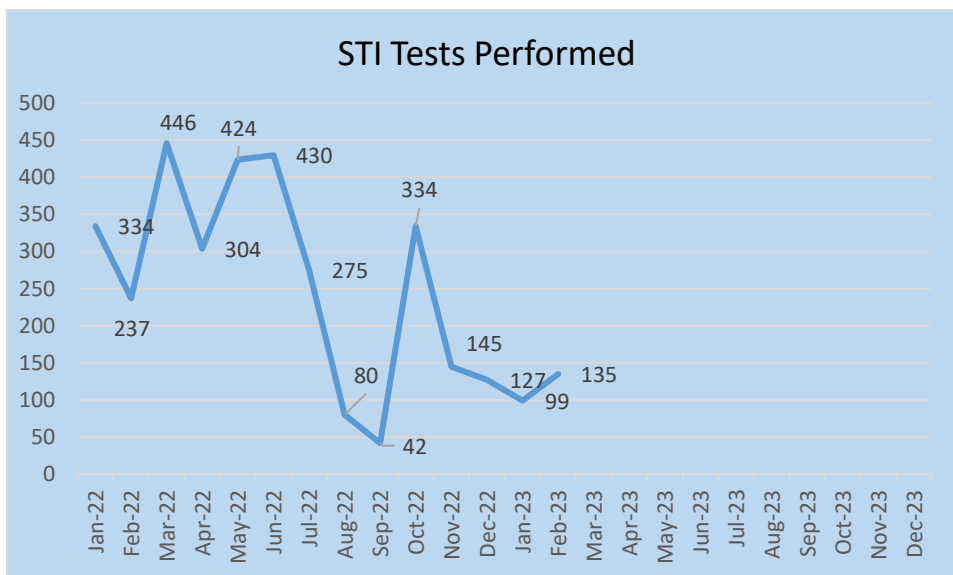


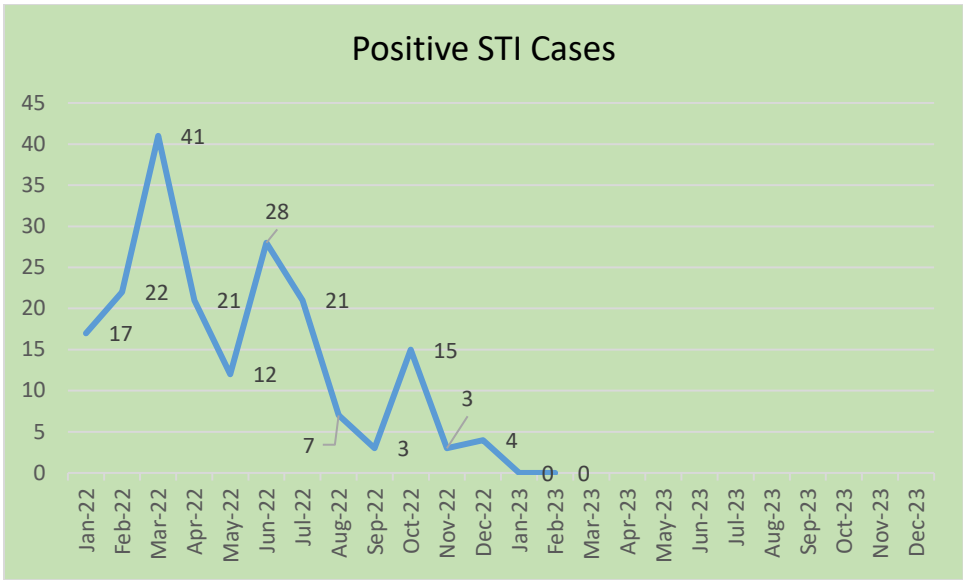


Sexual Health Clinic (SHC)

- STI express service is a walk-in screening focused specifically on STI screenings with low barriers and no cost to client that can reduce visit times, decrease time to treatment, and use provider time more efficiently.
- 37 clients seen in the STI self-referral walk-in clinic ages 15 – 65 years old; 33 during outreach.

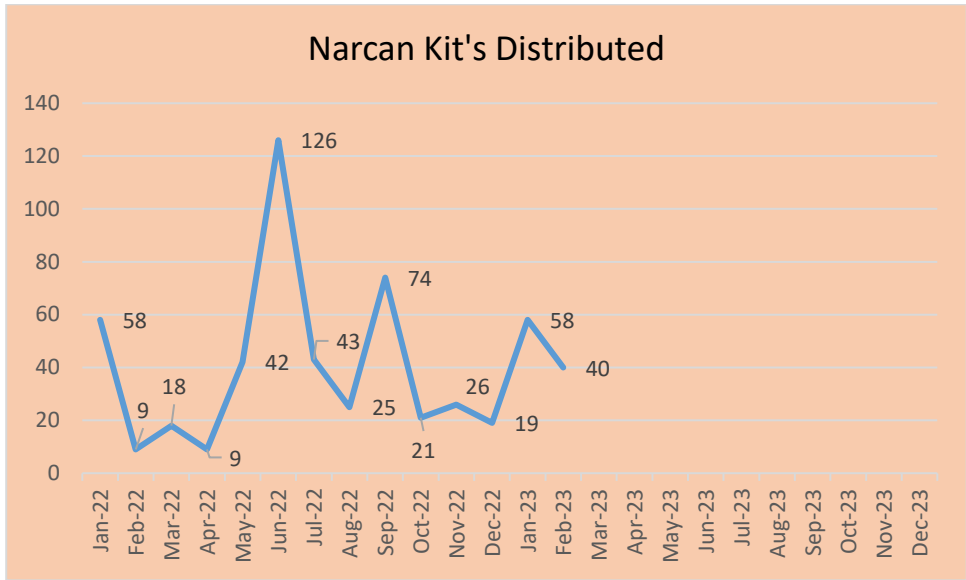
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• STI		
Chlamydia Trachomatis (CT)	39	0
Neisseria Gonorrhoeae or Gonorrhea Clamper (GC)	39	0
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)	25	0
Hepatitis C (HCV)	0	
Syphilis	32	0





Substance Initiative in PHN Grant

- 40 Naloxone opioid kits given out by AHD in February.
 - One by Sexual Health Clinic.
 - Four kits by HIM/clinic front desk staff.
 - 35 kits given at community events: naloxone training (personal use) Fairview Recreation Staff, UAA’s Healthy Sexuality Fair, Bettye Davis African American Summit and UAA’s Little Black Dress sexual assault awareness event.



HIV Prevention

- No rapid HIV tests provided.
- 4,698 condoms distributed (at various locations citywide to include 825 L St.).

TUPP (Teen Unintended Pregnancy Prevention)

- No youth education offered in February. TUPP education does not fit into the Anchorage School District academic calendar as February is “Dating Violence Awareness Month” so the focus for the month is ending violence during a date such as “Date Sexual Assaults.” Otherwise known as “Date Rapes”.
- Staff offered AHD services information and relevant health information at three community events: UAA’s Healthy Sexuality Fair, Bettye Davis African American Summit and UAA’s Little Black Dress sexual assault awareness event.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS 2023 MEETING DATES

Note: ADA Commission not presently active

APRIL	5	Wednesday	4:00-5:30	Homeless, Housing & Neighborhood Development Commission
	6	Thursday	4:00-5:30	Anchorage Women’s Commission
	26	Wednesday	10:00-Noon	Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
	27	Thursday	5:30-7:00	Animal Control Advisory Board